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BRAVAZO BREEZES SIX FURLONGS IN 1:15.40 IN PREPARATION FOR KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, April 20, 2018) – Calumet Farm's Risen Star (Grade II) winner **Bravazo** breezed six furlongs in 1:15.40 Friday morning at Churchill Downs in preparation for the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI), which will be staged for the 144th consecutive year on Saturday, May 5.

Bravazo breezed in company with stablemates **Take Notice** and **Berko** (1:16.40) through splits of :25.20, :37.80, :50.60 and 1:03, before finishing five lengths in front on the seven-furlong gallop out in 1:28.80, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

"I was very pleased with the work," Hall of Fame trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** said. "It will be six weeks since he last raced so I wanted to put him in a situation where it would feel like an actual race. He did everything just like we wanted and I think he'll get a lot out of this work. He didn't want to pull up after he was finished. My rider was exhausted."

The homebred son of Awesome Again scored a 21-1 upset in the Feb. 17 Risen Star but disappointed with an eighth-place effort in the March 24 Louisiana Derby (GII).

"We know he's better than what he showed last time," Lukas said. "It's tough coming into the Derby with a six-week break but I think his breeze this morning showed us he's doing well."

Including Bravazo (Barn 44), there are five horses within the Kentucky Derby field stabled on the Churchill Downs backstretch: **Flameaway** (trainer Mark Casse, Barn 36); **Free Drop Billy** (Dale Romans, Barn 4); **Lone Sailor** (Tom Amoss, Barn 29); and **Promises Fulfilled** (Romans, Barn 4).

Flameaway, Free Drop Billy, and Promises Fulfilled are on schedule to breeze Saturday at 7:30 a.m. EDT, according to their respective trainers.

Training hours at Churchill Downs are 5:15-10 a.m. with two renovation breaks at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Derby and Oaks horses will have an exclusive training window beginning Saturday from 7:30-7:45 a.m.

KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS WORKOUTS TO BE STREAMED LIVE; EXCLUSIVE 7:30-7:45 A.M. TRAINING WINDOW BEGINS SATURDAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, April 20, 2018) – Churchill Downs Racetrack, in conjunction with TwinSpires.com, will provide live online streaming of Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders' workouts when the exclusive 7:30-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern) training window begins in earnest Saturday.

The live stream presented by TwinSpires.com will begin at 7 a.m. and be available at multiple sources including on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyderby; on Twitter via @KentuckyDerby and www.twitter.com/kentuckyderby; on YouTube at www.youtube.com/kentuckyderby; and www.kentuckyderby.com/works.

The live video will include graphics to identify each horse and commentary from an array of industry experts, including Churchill Downs Host and Racing Analyst **Joe Kristufek**, TwinSpires.com Racing Analyst **Ed DeRosa**, Brisnet.com Racing Analyst **James Scully**, and TwinSpires.com Clocker **Brandon Stauble**.

Different from year's past, training hours at Churchill Downs will be 5:15-10 a.m. daily through May 3 with 7-7:30 a.m. and 8:30-9 a.m. breaks to renovate the racetrack. A special 15-minute session from 7:30-7:45 a.m. (formerly 8:30-8:45 a.m. in years past) is exclusive to Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks participants and any workmates. The specially-made Derby and Oaks saddle towels must be worn to gain access to the racetrack during that window.

Five of the Top 20 horses on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard are on the grounds: **Bravazo** (trained by D. Wayne Lukas, stabled in Barn 44); **Flameaway** (Mark Casse, Barn 36); **Free Drop Billy** (Dale Romans, Barn 4); **Lone Sailor** (Tom Amoss, Barn 29); and **Promises Fulfilled** (Dale Romans, Barn 4). Six others – **Combatant** (Steve Asmussen, Barn 38); **Snapper Sinclair** (Asmussen, Barn 38); **Reride** (Asmussen, Barn 38); **Dream Baby Dream** (Asmussen, Barn 38); **Sporting Chance** (Lukas, Barn 44); and **Givemeaminut** (Dallas Stewart, Barn 37) – could get into the race if there are any defections.

Six of the Oaks fillies are stabled at Churchill: **Blamed** (Joel Marr, Barn 43); **Chocolate Martini** (Amoss, Barn 29); **Classy Act** (Bret Calhoun, Barn 23); **Coach Rocks** (Romans, Barn 4); **Monomoy Girl** (Brad Cox, Barn 22); and **Sassy Sienna** (Cox, Barn 22).

The exclusive Derby and Oaks training session Saturday morning is expected to feature workouts by Coach Rocks, Flameaway, Free Drop Billy, Monomoy Girl, and Promises Fulfilled. Classy Act is scheduled to breeze at 5:30 a.m. and Blamed is slated to breeze at either 6 a.m. or 7:30 a.m., according to their trainers.

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve on May 5, 2018. The track's 2018 Spring Meet is scheduled for April 28-June 30. An eight-time host to the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Churchill Downs will again be the site of that event on Nov. 2-3, 2018. Information is available at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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